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HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

## NOTIFICATION

The 13th September, 2021

No. HLA.813/2021/10.- The Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the Guidelines for implementation of the scheme "Prarthana" (Rs.One lakh benefit to the Next of Kin of deceased COVID positive patients in Assam) under Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of Assam as below :-

### **"PRARTHANA" SCHEME**

**(Rs One lakh benefit to the Next of Kin of deceased COVID positive patients in Assam)**

#### **1) Introduction :-**

Government of Assam has taken multiple steps for supporting the families affected by COVID-19 to alleviate insurmountable misery caused by the pandemic. "Chief Minister's ShishuSeva Scheme" to take care of children who have lost both their parents due to COVID-19 and "Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widow Support Scheme" to assist widows whose husband died of COVID-19 in the first wave or second wave or those who may die in future have been notified and accordingly eligible beneficiaries have been given assistance.

Now, in order to extend the wholesome support of the Government in form of a financial assistance scheme - "Prarthana Scheme" - to the families who suffered loss of life of the family member due to COVID with COVID positive status, an

amount of Rs One Lakh shall be provided to the next of kin of the deceased, subject to the condition that the same family has not been benefitted by the above mentioned schemes and other eligibility criteria described below.

The scheme shall be implemented by the Health & Family Welfare Department, through National Health Mission under Assam Arogya Nidhi funds.

**2) Objectives of “Prathana Scheme” :-**

- a) To provide social and financial security to next of kin of COVID deceased.
- b) To facilitate easy survival of deceased family by providing one-time financial support.
- c) Providing financial assistance to tide over immediate economic crises upon death of the concerned person.

**3) Scope of the scheme :-**

The scheme will cover next of kin whose family members died of COVID-19 in the First or Second waves as well as those who may die of COVID-19 in future, subject to eligibility criteria mentioned at Clause 5.

**4) Benefits of the scheme :-**

Under the “Prarthana Scheme”, a next of kin whose family member died of COVID-19 will be provided a one-time financial assistance of Rs. One lakh, subject to eligibility criteria mentioned at Clause 5.

**5) Eligibility criteria :-**

The beneficiary should fulfill the following criteria :-

**5(a) Inclusion Criteria**

- i) The beneficiary should be a permanent resident of that district in Assam where application is submitted.
- ii) The beneficiary's family member must have died with COVID positive status at the time of his death as certified by the State level COVID Death Audit Board of Assam.
- iii) Beneficiaries of ‘Orunudo’ and ‘Widow Pension’ scheme or any other Government schemes are also eligible to get the benefit of this scheme.
- iv) The next of kin certificates need to be produced.



**5(b) Exclusion criteria :-**

- i) On death of a Government Employee or pensioner, generally, full salary up to the age of retirement/family pension benefits are extended to the wife/husband/dependant next of kin as per existing service rules. Therefore, such applicants shall not be eligible for benefit under Prarthana Scheme.
- ii) However, in case the deceased was a single government employee /pensioner/family pensioner, after the demise of whom, the income to the family shall cease, the benefit of the scheme shall be extended to the next of kin.
- iii) Subject to the condition that the same family has not been benefitted by the “Chief Minister’s COVID-19 Widow Support Scheme” and “Chief Minister’s ShishuSeva Scheme”.

**6) Quantum of Assistance :-**

The quantum of assistance under the scheme is a one-time Financial Assistance of Rs. One lakh.

**7) Documents required :-**

- a) Certification by Deputy Commissioner that the beneficiary fulfills each of the eligibility criteria in the format given in Annexure-I.
- b) Next of kin certificate.
- c) Bank details like Account No., Bank Name & branch, IFSC of the beneficiary.

**8) Implementation :-**

The Deputy Commissioner shall compile the list of eligible beneficiaries from the NHM database of COVID victims and verify whether the beneficiary is eligible for the financial assistance as per the eligibility criteria given above. The Deputy Commissioner after being satisfied with authenticity of the beneficiary shall upload the name and particulars of the beneficiary in the CM’s portal <https://cmcovidsupport.assam.gov.in> with a certificate as stated in clause 6(a).

On receipt of the list of beneficiaries from the respective Deputy Commissioners, the Office of Mission Director, National Health Mission, Assam shall disburse a sum of Rs. One lakh from Assam Arogya Nidhi Fund by DBT/Demand Draft to the eligible beneficiaries after obtaining approval of the competent authority with intimation to the Deputy Commissioner concerned.

**9) Grievance Redressal :-**

Any person who is of the opinion that she is eligible for the benefit under the scheme but has not been included in the list of beneficiaries, can submit representation with supporting documents to the Deputy Commissioner concerned who will either accept or reject giving reasons, with intimation to applicant and Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of Assam.

**SAMIR KUMAR SINHA,**

Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam,  
Health & Family Welfare Department.

## ANNEXURE – I

Certificate under Prathana Scheme

Certified that Mr/Smti ....., resident of ....., fulfills the eligibility criteria prescribed in the guidelines for Chief Minister's Prathana Scheme on the following grounds :-

- i) The beneficiary is a permanent resident of.....district of Assam
- ii) The beneficiary's family member has died with COVID positive status at the time of his death as certified by the State level COVID Death Audit Board.
- iii) The beneficiary is not a serving or retired Government employee or widow of serving or retired Government employee, or  
The deceased was a single government employee /pensioner/family pensioner, after the demise of whom, the income to the family has ceased.
- iv) The same family has not been benefitted by the "Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widow Support Scheme" and "Chief Minister's ShishuSeva Scheme".

Deputy Commissioner

..... District